

MR. COATES: You're out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, please.

MS. CORN: I'm not out of order. I gave it to them in time.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, what specifically is your point?

MS. CORN: I want to know why they didn't consider something that was presented to them under the proper requirements of these rules, period.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson, do you want to reply to that?

MR. ROBINSON: On the rule change in question, it was the Rules Committee's belief that it was not properly posted. Hence, the entire delegation was not given a sufficient amount of time to review and receive those rules. Your proposed amendment was not circulated properly; all of the delegates did not receive copies.

MS. CORN: Excuse me. That is not what the rules say. The rules say that the Chair of the Rules and Calendar Committee shall get it, and an appropriate officer of the convention shall post it two days in advance. That is delegate Cooper's job. If delegate Cooper did not do that, I would like to know why.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, let's see if the First Vice President, who coordinates that committee, can give us some light on that.

MR. BALDWIN: Delegate Corn, you are stating the rules correctly, but yours was circulated on the 31st. The committee is just saying they were not aware of the circulation.

Now, let's assume that they were not aware of the circulation. Our rules state that it could still be brought on the floor; you could still bring it on the floor today. But our problem is we do not have two-thirds of all delegates present, and we cannot act on any amendments until we get 30 people present.

So, yours can still come up because it was duly circulated on the 31st. The committee is just saying they didn't have it and they weren't aware that it was circulated. So, he has other proposed amendments in front of yours; that's number one. If you would allow him, if we get the necessary 30 people, to dispose of those, then yours can come up today.

MS. CORN: According to the rules, I cannot just bring it up here before the body here and now.

MR. BALDWIN: We have interpreted the rules and you can, so would you allow us to proceed? It can be brought up

— today.

MR. KAMENY: Point of order, Mr. Vice President. According to all information available to me, there are, in fact, 30 or more delegates on this floor and in this vicinity but not in this room. Can somebody be sent out, at your discretion, to bring them in so that we can conduct our business with respect to amendments? That's a perfectly proper procedure for the Executive Board to bring them in.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Kameny, would you see if you can round up the necessary people?

MR. KAMENY: I will do my best.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

MR. BALDWIN: Delegate Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes?

MR. BALDWIN: Delegate Cooper has a question regarding your report.

MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

MR. COOPER: Delegate Robinson, in your report you did not mention the proposal that you got from Brian Moore, and you also mentioned a proposal from delegate Bob Love -- one that was unforeseen certainly by me.

MR. ROBINSON: In response to delegate Cooper's question, I incorrectly gave the name of the person submitting

the proposed amendment. It was delegate Brian Moore, the delegate from Ward 2.

MR. BALDWIN: Okay.

MR. ROBINSON: I apologize to delegate Love.

Yes?

MR. ROTHSCHILD: I'm a little bit confused. Maybe delegate Baldwin could help me out, or yourself. If you need two-thirds of all the delegates to change the rules -- is that correct, sir?

MR. ROBINSON: Yes.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Okay. If you need two-thirds of all the delegates to change the rules, then to change the rules for quorum, which was done last week, was not actually done appropriately under our rules.

MR. BALDWIN: I'll answer the question. If you're speaking of suspending the rules, according to our rules it says two-thirds of the delegates present and voting, and I'm sure you understand that that's different than two-thirds of all delegates.

In one, you're talking about suspending the rules; in the other one, you're speaking to amending our rules. According to our rules, they say in order to amend them, you need 30 people; it says "of all delegates" in order to amend

the rules. In order to suspend your rules, we voted that we would accept this language: those present and voting, two-thirds.

So, you take two-thirds of that 23, and I'm sure you realize that that would be much less than 30. So, what we did last week was in order and proper.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: We suspended the rules to change the percentage for a quorum?

MR. BALDWIN: We suspended one of our rules, and whatever that rules was, it dealt with the quorum, but that's not like amending them. Delegate Kameny said the next thing we should do is we need a proper motion to amend our rules. But what we did last week was to suspend the rules.

Delegate Kameny is saying somewhere along the line today, we need to amend those rules to reflect the action we took last week.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Thank you.

MR. BALDWIN: Delegate Robinson, is there something else we can act on other than two-thirds of all delegates present?

MR. ROBINSON: No.

MR. BALDWIN: Okay. Mr. Chairman, at this time, if there aren't 30 delegates in the room, I think we need to

— just move on and once we get 30, we'll call it to your attention. That will save some time.

MR. KAMENY: There are 31 that I can count on the floor, but I'm trying to get them all in.

MR. BALDWIN: As soon as they come in, we'll call it to the attention of the President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let's assume that we're going to get 30 delegates here before these other reports; there are six more reports.

MR. BALDWIN: Right, right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let us move on to the second group of reports.

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman?

MR. BRUNING: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Bruning?

MR. BRUNING: I had a question that was concerning one of the motions that I wanted to ask him about. It wasn't a question of a quorum or not; it was a question on delegate Moore's request. I was trying to find out merely if delegate Moore's request had gone through the proper circulation period and had gone through the proper notice period. Then, if I find out that is correct, then I have a question that follows that.

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But I'd like to find out first of all if delegate Moore's is technically votable today.

MR. COOPER: Can I respond to that, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. COOPER: Because of the fact that on April 1st, Mr. Moore's proposal did show up in my mailbox, I could only assume that he had transmitted that same proposal to the Chair of the Rules and Calendar Committee. I therefore posted it immediately. Therefore, Mr. Brian Moore's proposal has been posted and circulated since April 1st.

MS. CORN: Why wasn't --

MR. BRUNING: Gloria, don't --

MS. CORN: I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You have the floor, Mr. Bruning.

MR. BRUNING: Yes. Then my second question was if, indeed, those procedures are correct, I believe I heard Mr. Robinson say that the committee had decided to set the request aside. I'm wondering if that is within the prerogative of Rules if it has indeed gone through the proper period of circulation and notification and if the Rules Committee could not have a motion come up on the floor if that has been done.

MR. COOPER: They can either recommend it or not recommend it.

MR. BRUNING: But I'm saying they don't have the right to just say they are not going to do it, do they?

MR. COOPER: They can either recommend it or not recommend it. That's why we have the provision for you to be able to bring it up on the floor.

MS. CORN: There is no provision like that in these rules.

MR. COOPER: Yes, there is, 7.1.

MS. CORN: There is not.

MR. BALDWIN: Delegate Corn, the Chair has asked me to serve as parliamentarian. I think all of us can read, and there is a provision to bring a proposal to the floor, an amendment to our rules, without it having to come out of a committee. It very clearly states that.

MS. CORN: Then you'd have to circulate it to all delegates.

MR. BALDWIN: Well, all of that was done; we understand that. All of that was done. It says if the committee has considered it and for whatever reason they decide not to bring it out, then the maker or the body or any one of us, if it was circulated two days prior to this meeting, may bring it to the floor and we may vote on it.

MS. CORN: But I did not circulate it to you.

MR. BALDWIN: Well, it doesn't matter; it was out. Somebody circulated it for you. All of us got it on the 31st.

MS. CORN: Did you circulate it to the delegates?

MR. BALDWIN: We got it on the 31st, whether you did it or not, and your name is on it and we'd like to proceed. It was circulated on the 31st.

MS. HARRIS: Mr. Chair, I would call on the second five committees. Some of my committees will not be reporting today because their reports have not changed since last week. I'd like to begin with the Legislative Branch Committee, Mr. Terrell.

MR. B. MOORE: Point of order, Mr. Chair.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: Is this the appropriate time for me to make a motion on my amendment that was submitted to the Rules Committee?

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Robinson will come back at the proper time when we have two-thirds, and then that would be the proper time.

MR. B. MOORE: Okay. Point of order, Mr. President, on another issue. Earlier in the day, I had appealed your decision on a matter and it appears that my appeal was not recognized. Under the rule 5.2, I appealed your decision and

— it was seconded, and I should have been recognized according to the rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There was an appeal at that time which I did not recognize. There is an item on the floor now.

MR. B. MOORE: Pardon me?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Second Vice President is making a report. I understand that you feel that that was an improper ruling, right?

MR. B. MOORE: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: But that is not on the agenda at this particular point. I ruled it out of order at that point.

MR. B. MOORE: Right, but it was not out of order according to the rules. So, my question to you is when can I raise the issue again?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You'll recall that I indicated that that was a parliamentary issue and that you can't appeal a parliamentary issue. A parliamentary ruling is a parliamentary ruling; you can't appeal that.

MR. B. MOORE: Could you explain what I can appeal?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You can appeal a substantive issue, but not a parliamentary ruling. The authority for making that determination rests with the Chair. The Chair

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— relies on the parliamentarian. You just lost the issue, you know?

MR. B. MOORE: Well, if I lost it, I'd like to go on record as saying that this interpretation or explanation by the President sets a very serious precedent here in the body.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's still out of order now. I'd like to go on with the reports.

MR. B. MOORE: It's contrary to the spirit of this convention when we're talking about autonomy and self-determination by us and the fact that we can run our own ship.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, sir, you're out of order.

MR. B. MOORE: Well, I wish to be on record to that, please.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you. You're on record; I think it's clear.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Point of order. How is he out of order?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Terrell?

MS. HARRIS: Mr. Terrell?

MR. TERRELL: Madam Vice President, this is the report from the Committee on the Legislature for the period March 28th through April 3rd, 1982. On March 29th, our

business included continuing the process of drafting the first draft of our articles. Some of the issues we have dealt with include legislative powers, composition, election terms, districts, time of elections, composition of members, organization and procedures, legislative immunity, special legislation, and transfer of business.

Again, as I say, this is our first draft, as we are attempting to pull together the article for this particular constitution.

We also, on March 29th, heard Mr. Bruce French, who is the legislative counsel to the D. C. City Council, discuss and answer questions about the city's legislative process. Those questions came from the committee members.

On March 31st, we welcomed Mr. Alan Boyd as our new research assistant and we continued the drafting process. We agreed that Theresa Jones and Alan Boyd and myself will be responsible for finalizing these just before our public hearings.

On April 1st, we agreed that we would have our hearing on April 15th, and this morning at an additional meeting of the committee, we continued the drafting process. That concludes my report.

MS. HARRIS: Delegate Terrell, can your report

reflect that that is the Legislative Committee?

MR. TERRELL: Yes, fine.

MS. HARRIS: Okay. Do you have any questions for delegate Terrell?

(No response.)

MS. HARRIS: Okay. We'll move on to Economic Development, delegate Croft. Will you please give him your full attention, please, delegates?

MR. CROFT: Economic Development met Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday, we worked in our three subcommittees, working on possible proposals. On Thursday, we had a general session of the full committee. Essentially, we spent the time discussing whether we were going to develop a basic and general outline; two, whether we were going to develop concrete articles for each of our areas; and, three, whether we were going to postpone that choice until later.

Essentially, after three votes -- one main motion and two substitute motions -- we rejected all three choices and, essentially, as the Chair I made the judgment that we would continue to develop working ideas under our subcommittee areas.

This Tuesday, the committee will meet as a whole and we will at that point in time consider working ideas

developed by the three subcommittees. Presently, each of the three subcommittees has developed basic working ideas. One subcommittee on land use, environment and natural resources has developed three working ideas and they will be presented to the full committee.

Let me explain how we're operating. What we're doing is we're basically developing working ideas, and we will take those working ideas and once the working ideas have been discussed by the full committee, we will then make some decision on which kinds of ideas we want to present as formal proposals. These are just working ideas, okay?

Out of the group of working ideas, we will make some basic choices around which ideas, if any, we will want to present as full proposals, okay? So, I'll just call them working ideas.

Currently, if I take each of the subjects -- land use, environment, and energy as a source of power -- there would be an idea around the environment, an idea around land use planning, and a basic idea around energy as a source of power.

The Committee on Business, Industry and Labor has presented a series of ideas; they are still drafting them and refining them. The Committee on Utilities and Transportation

— has developed a statement which was a statement at issue last week, and the question was, would that statement be the basic statement, and I think we started that meeting out on that choice.

Tuesday, there will be a meeting, at which time we will present to each other what we have at this point written up. We will make some judgments about whether there are certain things we will not recommend as proposals. What we hope we'll be able to do will be that at our hearings, which will be the 13th and the 15th -- prior to those hearings, we will have gotten out to the people the various ideas that we're working on so that they will have a group of statements which they can respond to. We plan to be able to submit written ideas in our public hearings.

Are there any questions from anyone?

MS. JOHNSON: These ideas that you say have been divided up into subcommittees, are these going to become articles?

MR. CROFT: Some may and some may not. Let me put it this way: some people may feel strongly enough to submit them on their own. Some may be submitted by the environmental committee, and some may not be submitted at all.

— In other words, there are three possible choices.

The first choice is that the committee itself will come up with a series of articles. The second choice is the committee will come up with a broad, general statement about the areas, such as labor, industry, and land use. The third possible choice is that independent of what we decide, individual members will feel strongly enough that they themselves will submit something.

I think that that choice will be decided on Tuesday, because on Tuesday there will be written statements that we'll be able to look at to make some choices. There are those of us who feel strongly that there are areas that ought to be mentioned; there are other people who feel that we need a broad, general statement.

Among the people who feel that there are areas that ought to be mentioned, there are disagreements about whether they will be in general language.

That's my report.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

MS. HARRIS: Are there any other questions of delegate Croft?

(No response.)

MS. HARRIS: Is there a representative from Local Government here? Delegate Moore?

MR. T. MOORE: Talmadge Moore, Local Government Vice Chair. Ms. Nahikian is absent today and I'll give a brief recapitulation of what we've been doing.

We will have a full-day session next Tuesday, and also a half-day session on Thursday. Last Thursday, we voted to have eight counties in our local government, and perhaps a three-tiered form of local government. We didn't go into the specifics on it, but we did discuss it.

We also have some subcommittees working on transitional issues of boundaries, the federal payment, and the federal enclave; that is in process. We are very thankful to delegate Rothschild; he came in and gave a very informative report on local government and we appreciate this.

I must say that we have been very cooperative in our Committee on Local Government and we think we're going to get you a good document. Also, on the 15th and the 13th, we will have our hearings.

Are there any questions?

(No response.)

MR. T. MOORE: Thank you.

MS. HARRIS: Thank you, delegate Moore. We will move to Style and Drafting, delegate Corn.

MS. CORN: We have finished our first redrafting of

the convention rules. A subcommittee of Corn and Feeley was established, their purpose being to polish the rules and to bring them back to the committee within one week. We had decided that at the end of today's session, we would meet to finish a first polishing, and we decided that if any committee member would like to join us -- and I don't see delegate Feeley here today -- but if any delegate would like to join us, they would be welcome to sit in and participate on our committee.

We expect to bring the convention rules to the convention either next Saturday or the following Saturday for your approval. The committee voted that I, Gloria Corn, shall draft the address to the people, to bring back to the committee within three weeks after the rules are completely finished.

I have spoken to a number of our committee members and, as committee chair, we feel that there are certain things that we must bring to this body's attention if we are going to finish within the 90 days.

First of all, we need our own secretary, especially once the constitutional drafts start coming in to us after first reading.

MS. HARRIS: Delegate Corn, those are things you submit to me for me to facilitate through the office, not at

the convention.

MS. CORN: Okay. One of the things that we strongly recommend, though, to this body here -- well, two things. Committees' work must be done during the day during that last month or we will never get done. No style and drafting committee could get done in the time limit unless we have, you know, our plenary sessions at night and our meetings from 4:00 in the afternoon to 6:30, or something like that.

The second thing is that the Committee on Rules and Calendar must deal with the time needed by the Style and Drafting Committee to redraft after the first reading, the second, the third, and to compile the entire document.

Is there anything that any other committee member wants to add?

(No response.)

MS. CORN: Any questions? Mr. Bruning?

MR. BRUNING: I was wondering, what is this address to the people?

MS. CORN: Well, under the duties of the Style and Drafting Committee, one of the duties is to write the address to the people.

MR. BRUNING: Can you explain to me what the address to the people is?

MS. CORN: Well, we have to talk about it, but my gathering is that it shall be a reasoning of why they should vote up this constitution.

Yes?

MR. CLARK: David Clark, at-large. I didn't really understand what the address to the people is. Is it part of the constitution?

MS. CORN: No, it's not part of the constitution, but it's an historical document to accompany the constitution.

MR. CLARK: Is this traditional in other jurisdictions?

MS. CORN: I don't know, but it was voted on in the rules.

MR. KAMENY: May I provide --

MS. CORN: Yes, delegate Kameny.

MR. KAMENY: Delegate Clark and others, the list of the duties of the Committee on Rules and Calendar states under (g), "prepare and present to the convention for its approval an address to the people outlining the results of the convention's work." That's in the rules.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I think we're so conditioned that somebody is objecting to something that my question of "what is it" is being taken as "why shouldn't we

do it?" I just want to know what it is.

MR. KAMENY: I was informing people of what the rules state; that's all.

MS. CORN: It's one of the obligations under the rules.

MR. CLARK: I understand that. I just want to know what we're doing.

MS. HARRIS: Okay, that concludes the second group of committees. It was brought to the attention of this delegation last Saturday by the President that a clear, written report precede each of the oral reports. I understand that no clear, written reports have been submitted to either Jim Baldwin or myself prior to your giving your oral reports.

The President asks that beginning next Saturday, the chairs of the committees please adhere to presenting a clear, written report of your oral report before it is presented.

MR. BLOUNT: As chairman of the Judiciary Committee, I'd like to point out to the body --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm sorry; we're having difficulty hearing delegate Blount who has the floor. Can we reduce the buzzing, please?

MR. BLOUNT: As chairman of the Judiciary Committee,

I'd like to point out to the vice chair that we have had a hard enough time trying to get our minutes typed. In order to have an extra typed report, I would ask that those resources be provided, and then we would have the ability to produce an extra report on paper, black and white, typed.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I would suggest that you submit your written reports to the executive secretary and let that be her problem to get them typed.

MR. TERRELL: Madam Vice President, I just wanted to point out that I have always given you a report prior to my giving my report. Now, if you want it a day or so before that time, then I'll do so.

MS. HARRIS: The statement does not apply to those who have.

MR. TERRELL: Okay, I just wanted to be clear.

MS. HARRIS: It undoubtedly applies to those who have not.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes?

MS. JOHNSON: Delegate Johnson, Ward 7. I will not be able to comply with that simply because it is usually after I give my oral report that I am able myself to get my report typed. So, once again, as delegate Blount has expressed, resources are not available so that I could do that prior to

presentation here on Saturday.

Delegate Baldwin, is that satisfactory with you? I have provided copies of every week's status report to the vice chair who coordinates my committee, and others.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We're only saying that you submit them to the executive secretary and let that be her problem to get them typed, hopefully, before so that we can review it and then have questions that we might want to ask.

MS. JOHNSON: Well, that's what I'm saying. I'd like to do what you're saying. Logistically, usually I write the report for myself either on Friday evening or on Saturday morning. There would not be time enough for me to submit it and have it to give it on Saturday afternoon.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There wouldn't be time to give it to the executive secretary so we could --

MS. JOHNSON: I wouldn't have any way to get here. My last day here is Thursday, late in the evening. So, I'm just saying that's not possible for me. I'll do the best I can.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

That completes the committee reports. We're going on to the next item. Delegate Jackson?

MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir, just one point. With all

— due respect to the committee chair people -- I know people are working very hard -- it is very difficult from my sitting in to listen to the reports and get a feel for what is happening in the committees, and let me speak to it for a moment.

You know, I'm on Preamble and Bill of Rights and I know pretty much everything that is happening on there. But it's impossible for me to know what's happening in the other committees, but I would want input and to know what's happening so that when things come to the floor, I understand everything.

Now, I don't know how that could be done, but maybe we could have a way of looking over the minutes of each committee or something like that, because I think that when these public hearings and things start, there is going to be so much information and things coming that there should be a way for those of us who cannot attend all the hearings and things to know exactly what is going on.

People talk about the Washington Post and things like that. I don't want to have to read about it there; I want to read about it in some document here. Now, I know that's going to take some time and it's also going to take some paper and things like that. But I bring it not necessarily for discussion here, but as a recommendation to

the Executive Committee to take it up very seriously because, again, with all due respect to the committee chair people, I'm not getting a feel for exactly what's happening in those committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I hope everybody heard what delegate Jackson indicated. One of the things we want to make sure of is that the hearings are properly recorded, and we're looking for pro bono recording service if we can find it. If not, we're looking at our treasury to find out how much of it we can provide, and prevail upon the D. C. government to extend the court reporting services that they have been providing. I would imagine that for something that important, they would certainly not let us go without that sort of hearing.

MR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, I agree with that, but you see the problem with that is it would be impossible for us to read all those transcripts. I don't want to put anything on research assistants or anyone else, or committee heads or anything, because I know everyone is busy, as I am.

But I think we have to have some way in the committees and also in the public hearings to give us a brief written synopsis about what is happening so that when things come to the floor of the convention, we aren't left ignorant

about the reasoning behind things. So, therefore, we don't also merely get the opinions of the committee chair people, even though I don't think they would do that. But I don't want to put them in a spot where they might have to do it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I want to make one more comment. I have some difficulty with having a grasp of what is going on in each committee too. I try to listen to the reports, but I would like very much to see, as we see from some committees, just a synopsis of what happens meeting by meeting by meeting, which allows me, you know, to have some idea of what is going on.

MR. JACKSON: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: I would like to point out again that the Judiciary Committee has been providing each Saturday all the delegates with copies of its minutes. I was told that that was to be provided. But, now, we're saying provide a summary each week of what the committees have done to all the delegates, is that correct?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Right. Delegate Mason?

MS. MASON: I want to make sure I understand. I agree with delegate Blount that the minutes could be circulated. Is there an agreement that they will be

— circulated on Saturdays from each committee?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No. What we've asked is that we get them in time to circulate them. If we get them in time, we will circulate them so that we can all have a look at those before the reports are actually made. There appears to be a problem. Delegate Johnson has indicated that she does them the day before, which doesn't give sufficient time. I'm asking all of us to be sufficiently creative to try to get those reports to us.

Once this meeting is over, we go on to the business of next week. I don't think we're doing much reviewing. If we've got it in our hands, we can take it home and read it.

Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chair, I would like for about the third week in a row for -- the rules require that we post a tentative agenda for each of our meetings. Everytime I go out there, on the board there's no listing of the agenda. At least we'd have some idea of what was going on if there would be a tentative agenda for the committee meeting announcements, and the rules require that agenda.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That request was made last week from the Chair, also. I would strongly urge each chairperson, with all of the many other things that you have to do to

prepare, to please provide that agenda so that people can decide which committees they would like to go to.

The next order of business is the executive secretary's report, and then the --

MS. HARRIS: We had one person come in from the second group of committees. Delegate Simmons, would you like to give a report for the Executive Branch?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me rescind that for the moment. Delegate Simmons?

MS. HARRIS: Delegate Simmons, would you give a report for the Executive Branch?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Madam Executive Secretary, we apologize.

MS. SIMMONS: Thank you, Madam Vice President.

The Executive Branch Committee will be having on Monday, beginning at 9:30, the first of its two scheduled hearings to hear from executives who have pragmatic experience as governors of states or as administrators of major agencies.

I would like for you to know that the universe of persons invited is as follows: the governors of all 50 states and the heads of the six territories, including the last colony. The Mayor of the District of Columbia has been invited and I understand will be here in the afternoon. We

— have also invited heads of the departments for the District government because those departments are tantamount to what in many states serve as the constitutionally constituted departments for the social services for the citizenry.

At the risk of being editorial at the moment, I would like for you to know that we have in the District of Columbia 55 departments, so you probably know why our committee is suggesting limiting the departments and divisions to 20 in the constitution, and then having any special kinds of divisions to be something less than four years in life and needing the approval of the legislature.

That's the end of my parentheses, but we are expecting Governor Robb from Virginia; the senior staff member for Governor DuPont, who is going to try to be here -- he and his senior staff person. But knowing that there is a reality that he may not arrive, he has a senior staff person who will speak for him.

The governor of Rhode Island could not accommodate his calendar for Monday or Wednesday, but will be in town on Tuesday. So, as was indicated in the letter to him, some committee members will be available to hear what he has to share with us with regard to the two major questions, those questions being do you have powers that you consider

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sufficient to administer effectively the executive branch of your government? The second question was, what additional powers do you feel the need for to be more responsive to your perception of your administrative role and function?

Governor Hughes of Maryland is to appear in the afternoon on Monday. We have the executive director of the Conference of Governors who will testify; the executive director of the secretaries of state; the executive director of the state budget officers. I have talked with delegate Coates so that his committee members may wish to hear that.

We have a representative from the Association of Legislatures, and I have spoken to delegate Terrell about any members of his committee perhaps hearing that because, as you may very well know, it is difficult and impractical to talk about the powers of the executive without some deep understanding of what the role, function and responsibility of major department heads are, as has been experienced historically in other states.

We have some corporate executives who have expressed an interest in testifying -- General Electric and Westinghouse, to be precise. We have invited them for Wednesday. We have citizenry at large who will be testifying.

It is our very high expectation that if we have --

we will also get some written testimony from some who are unable to be present.

Is my five minutes up?

MS. HARRIS: Four-and-a-half.

MS. SIMMONS: I just need 30 more seconds.

We have five letters from governors who have responded in that they were not able to be present, but were respectful enough -- and I think that's significant -- were respectful enough to write us and say that they would not be present because there are those in the universe that are not too far away who think that all of this is a hoax and have treated it less respectfully and have treated it with great lightness.

All in all, we are feeling positive. One of the things, Mr. President, is that we will videotape the hearings and we will audio tape the hearings, and we will have a court reporter. All committee members will be part of the panel, and we certainly express a warm invitation to all delegates to be present and to invite your friends.

MS. HARRIS: Thank you. Mr. President, that concludes my group of committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Before we go to the next item, it has come to our attention that Dr. Austin, our

— research coordinator, requires that the research assistants do themselves make a summary of each of the meetings of the committees, and they are all on file. So, I would simply ask that each of the committee chairpersons review those and that they be published and distributed to us before each one of these meetings.

Delegate Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Chairman, I've noticed and observed today, and I'm sure most delegates have, that we're having difficulty in getting our rules amended. We just experienced the last hour running out, trying to get people to come back, and so forth.

At this time, if I'm in order, and I think I am, I would like to propose the following, and it can be done either way. If we can get a consensus without anyone opposing it, we can accept those amendments by voice vote today; that's one way to do it. Or I am in a position to make a special order that they would be dealt with at a certain time at our very next meeting, and we could do it that way.

But there are some amendments. Mr. Kameny pointed one out that we actually took last week; that needs to be amended, and Mr. Cooper's amendment. The problem is that our rules state that there must be two-thirds of all delegates, so

— you need at least 30 people.

But if we, by voice vote today, could act on those — and I'm saying it could be done by consensus; if one person opposes, then that's out. But if that's out, then I would make a motion for a special order at our next meeting to deal with those amendments.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Vice President, as the parliamentarian, is it your view that the first option is a legitimate one for today?

MR. BALDWIN: Yes, I understand it is.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Could we do that by consensus? Does anyone object to our taking a vote today on the amendments for which we suspended the rules last week?

MR. BALDWIN: Mr. Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: Mr. President, if I understand the Vice President's proposal correctly, what we would do is separate out the proposed amendments one by one and he would ask whether there is unanimous consent to approve each of these amendments one by one. If any one person objects, then the unanimous consent fails and we'll try a special order next week.

— If, on the other hand, no one objects and the body approves this by unanimous consent, then the rule is passed on

the voice vote, just the way the United States Senate passes things by unanimous consent all the time, where no one objects and nobody questions the presence of a certain number of members in the room at the time. The Senate does that all the time. The protection is that even if a single person objects, it doesn't happen.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do we have consensus on each --

MR. COOPER: I just have one question, though. Because we have less than 30 people here, you know, that one objector may be someone who is not present at the meeting and I think we'd be doing them a disservice.

MR. BALDWIN: There would have to be an objection here -- those people who are here. There are 29 people present, delegate Cooper.

MR. COOPER: But we need 30, and that one person who just might be an objector might not necessarily be here. I think on a procedure such as this, something as important as amending our rules, we ought to get two-thirds or better.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mr. Baldwin?

MR. BALDWIN: It is very obvious that we have one person that would object, so there's no point in wasting the delegates' time with attempting to get consensus.

MR. COOPER: I was just asking a question.

MR. BALDWIN: Therefore, I move, Mr. President, that the recommended amendments from the Rules and Calendar Committee and any other recommended amendments that are in compliance with our rules -- an example would be delegate Corn says that her recommendation was duly circulated; it could, in fact, be acted upon under this motion without coming from Rules and Calendar, with the rule being for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, 1982. That's my special order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Can we get a second to that?

MR. KAMENY: Second.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. It has been moved and seconded that there be a special order for next Saturday at 1:30 p.m., at which time we will vote on the three amendments that have been placed before us. Discussion?

MR. COOPER: Yes. My only question is to Mr. Baldwin as the maker of the motion. It's obvious that there is a time certain that we want to vote on these things. However, I'm just wondering if there's any confusion as to whether or not we will follow the proper procedure which requires that we have 30 or more people in favor of these, no matter when we vote on them.

MR. BALDWIN: I'm sure, delegate Cooper, that that is understood by all the delegates. You couldn't vote unless

— you voted within our rules.

MR. COOPER: I wanted to make sure.

MR. BALDWIN: That goes without saying. All we have done is place an item on the agenda that would come up at a certain time, and then you'd follow whatever rules that we have in order to carry it out.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Bruning?

MR. BRUNING: Just to be perfectly clear, I believe that would also include rules changes properly circulated through the period of time, besides those three -- any that might be additional.

MR. BALDWIN: Yes. We have a rule that says, number one, a recommended proposal has to be considered by that committee; they have to have first crack at it, let's say. Ms. Corn is a good example. If it went that procedure that it was not voted out and it was, in fact, circulated, then we as a body can deal with that.

Now, naturally, we couldn't come up with one next week. Let's say delegate Baldwin submitted a rule, and I'm not sure they had time to act on it. Then that wouldn't be included in it.

MR. BRUNING: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Are we ready for the

MR. COOPER: Point of procedure. I want to call for a quorum count before we can vote on this motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, Mr. Secretary. You will read the roll. The question now is, shall we adopt a special order that we will vote next Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on those amendments that have been properly circulated and have not been reported out by the Rules Committee.

MR. COOPER: I count 20 members.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those in favor will signify --

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, we don't have a quorum.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Kameny, are you still disposed to help us round up a quorum.

MR. KAMENY: We need two delegates, Mr. President, for a quorum.

MR. COOPER: I think we need four bodies. There are only 19 people in here -- well, now there are 20.

(Pause.)

MR. BALDWIN: We have enough; we have a quorum.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Is everybody aware of the motion on the floor?

MS. PARAMORE: No.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Once more, delegate Baldwin has moved, and it has been seconded, that at a time certain -- next

— Saturday at 1:30 p.m. -- we vote on the amendments that have been properly circulated regarding the change of the rules. This is a roll call vote.

MR. BALDWIN: It's not necessarily a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I thought you asked for it.

MR. COOPER: No. I asked for a quorum count.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I see; very good.

All those in favor, signify by raising your hands.

MR. COOPER: Twenty-three.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Twenty-four.

MR. COOPER: Twenty-four.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries.

The next order of business is the executive secretary's report.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Mr. Chairman, I'm very concerned because I feel like we're writing a document about democracy and I truly think that our greatest effort should be to be as democratic among ourselves as we can be to set an atmosphere for that.

Why I say that is because I am concerned about whether or not I agree with Mr. Moore's challenging your ruling. It was appropriate that he do so, and it really was not attended to properly from the Chair. My impression at this point in the convention is one of great discouragement. I'm having a hard time dealing with this convention, and I'm not saying it's any one person.

But because of our time restrictions and because of our monetary restrictions and because we had trouble getting off from the beginning on a good foot, there's just not an open and expansive atmosphere at this convention. It's too tight; it's not conducive to creativity. And I know a lot of people are making good attempts; I know a lot of the committee chairs are doing so.

But I'm concerned that if we don't, among ourselves, try and expand our feeling of cooperation, our feeling of democracy, and our feeling of truly trying to hear what the other person has to say, even if ultimately we reject it, we'll have --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm going to let you finish, but let me remind you that this is not on the point, it's not on the agenda, it's not this issue. Because this issue has been one expressed by two or three people, I'm going to let

— you finish. We will certainly be very mindful of the fact that you feel that way, and if you feel that way, it's important. Please finish.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Okay. I think that's a very good example of opening the atmosphere and I think it's something we should be doing. I've had this trouble in my committee meetings; I've had it in other committee meetings and I've had it on the floor before.

I'm not saying everything I say is right all the time. You know, I'm rejected and that's fine. But I'm saving this type of dialogue and this type of openness where it's accepted and somebody's criticism of the Chair or anything else is heard to its fullest extent is good. I think we should start doing that if we're going to really get a quality piece out of our work. I say that in regard to your kind of brushing over a point that Mr. Moore raised earlier.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I appreciate that statement. Let me comment that it has been rather easy to hear you and rather easy to listen and to respond because of the tone and your attitude. Sometimes, a different kind of tone makes it rather difficult, especially if that tone has been disruptive, which yours has not been. Thank you very much.

— The next issue is the executive secretary's report.

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MS. ELLINGTON: I hope you can hear me. This is our progress report for the week of March 29 through April 3rd. During this week, efforts to meet the needs of the delegates have continued. A work study area with a telephone has been arranged at the rear of the auditorium for the use of the delegates and staff, and the typewriters which you have requested are to be delivered to us upon their receiving the kind of service that will make them be in good operating condition, so that some will be placed back there for the use of individual delegates as soon as they arrive.

You will be interested to know that dictating machines, video recorders, and two word processors are here on the premises. However, we are awaiting the arrival of a repair person to make sure they are properly adjusted. We want to make sure everything is in operating order before we let them out to be used.

We also have received a number of three-ring binders for those delegates who wish to use them. I saw that they were available and I saw all of the papers that fly around, and I thought it would be useful. They are not too pretty, but you can feel creative and I'm sure you'll have a way of prettying them up.

MR. KAMENY: How many of those each may we have?

MS. ELLINGTON: As many as you need.

We are also promised some additional secretarial help and we have been informed by a very responsible person that that will be made available to us. They are interviewing two people next week to make sure they meet the standards that we want, and they will be referred to us so that we will get additional help during the crunch that faces us.

Now, we have had a serious concern because of our staff pay. Due to the inflated number of hours that some of the research people have been assigned, we have had a problem. We did not have adequate funds in the budget. Upon review of the Treasurer and the Executive Committee, that has now been clarified. Hopefully, we'll get pay in the hands of staff on Monday.

MS. JONES: Don't promise that.

MS. ELLINGTON: Hopefully, not later than Tuesday.

Now, delegates will be paid and the Treasurer will inform you of the details about that. As the hearings begin, we are compelled to carefully review the use of staff time and the role that you wish staff to play. I think that in that regard, I'm asking for an opportunity to meet with each and every committee chairperson on a one-to-one basis, and during that interview, I would like to provide you with a copy

— of the local services so that you will have a clear understanding of the proper use of your assigned research assistants, and also a clear understanding of the limitation of time that is available.

For the entire convention, we have only 260 hours available of research assistant time. Now, it is up to the committee chairperson, along with the research coordinator and myself, to work it out so that time is in the bank, so to speak, during the time you are going to need those services most acutely. So, I'd like to have a planning session with you as quickly as possible.

In addition to that, I would like for you to know that one of the problems we have faced and tried to get around and handle equitably just hasn't worked out because we thought we'd get some donated water. As you know, we have been informed that our water is not fit to drink. We have ordered mineral water; I'm thinking of putting it in that area where you can easily find it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What kind of water was that?

MS. ELLINGTON: Mineral water.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Mineral water, okay.

MS. ELLINGTON: You know, the little fountain that they have for coffee and for other things that you'll need.

Now, Doug Austin has informed me that there are 14 Howard University law students who are going to work with us. These students are in their second year at the law school. The group includes the editor of the law review, the head of the student bar association and a number of honor students. Any legal or research questions that you wish to have answered, please submit them in writing. The research questions will be passed on to the students through the dean's office. They have divided themselves into three teams and the teams will work jointly to provide answers to your queries.

During the month of May, many of the students will also be additionally available to the committees. We are using bright and interested students.

At the moment, that is the -- yes, Ms. Paramore?

MS. PARAMORE: I just have a point of information or a point of inquiry; I can't really decide because you're all involved. There is a point that I'd like to bring out -- the fact that I tried to get 45 copies for everyone, and also the Executive Committee, and I was told by Ms. Ellington that she could only give me 10 because of the shortage of paper.

I think there needs to be a general consensus that we really need to get this straight now. Some of you are saying you want 45 copies. Ms. Ellington says we don't have

the paper or it's not in the budget. So, I'm just wondering, you know, when I go in there if I can get the 45 as opposed to 9 or 10.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do we have the paper now?

MS. ELLINGTON: We have the paper now.

MS. PARAMORE: And you will maintain that?

MS. ELLINGTON: Yes, now that we have the money.

MS. CORN: Ms. Ellington, in this next coming week and or the beginning of the following week, we will need 45 sets of the rules xeroxed. They will be approximately 20 pages apiece and there will be an insert in the middle. Will you be able to deal with that, and how time will you need?

MS. ELLINGTON: For services like that, we request sufficient time for us to send it out and get it back.

MS. CORN: What is sufficient time?

MS. ELLINGTON: A minimum of 48 hours.

Yes, Mr. Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: Ms. Ellington, I have several concerns in regard to the way that research assistants are provided with resources in order to do their work. In particular, I'm concerned about the way some of their time is wasted because they are unable to get certain facilities without going through fairly long, complicated procedures or waiting.

For example, I know of at least one research assistant who had to wait for nearly an hour to receive one piece of stationery to type an announcement on. I know of another research assistant who had to wait a long period of time to get to a telephone, and I understand there are only one or two lines that are available to research assistants.

I understand that most research assistants must come in here to sign their day-to-day employment attendance sheets, which means that if they are doing research in a library, for example, they have to make an extra trip out of the way.

It seems to me that those are roadblocks to good service and good participation on the part of the research assistants. I'm wondering if my information is correct, and if it's correct, if there's some way we could work those problems out.

MS. JONES: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay.

MS. JONES: That's a personnel problem, a problem that one of the research assistants has. That person should put it in writing so that it can be answered in the proper channels. If that person could relate that to Dr. Austin, who can relate it to Ms. Ellington, it can be solved in-house. I don't think that the delegates should take that up here.

MR. MARCUS: Mr. President, that is not a single problem I've heard. I've heard those kinds of discussions from several of the research assistants on more than one occasion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: This is an administrative problem. If there are ten people that have that problem, they would have to follow the appropriate procedure. This is not an administrative session.

MR. MARCUS: Mr. President, you assured me we could have some kind of discussion about that at the beginning of this session.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I would assure you, sir, that your discussion must be, first of all, on the point. I have responded to you. I have indicated that we cannot resolve this here. It's not something that you can resolve by a vote or a discussion. There are responsibilities that the executive secretary has.

There are procedures for the staff who do not report to us and who do not report to this convention to express any problems that they have, all right?

MR. MARCUS: Mr. President, I think it's important to the delegates to be aware that some of those problems exist. I think the delegates are essentially shut out of some

— of that administrative process, since the Executive Committee holds it so tightly.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What you want to do is to make sure we're aware; very good. Are you finished?

MR. MARCUS: And I would like a more extensive answer in regard to those issues from Ms. Ellington.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus, I've already indicated that this is not the proper place to have a discussion from our executive secretary about administrative matters. One delegate has indicated the proper way of dealing with that. The Chair rules that any further discussion on that is out of order.

MR. MARCUS: It seems to me that everything I say is out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are there any further questions to the executive secretary?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you very much, Ms. Ellington.

Mr. Convention Secretary, your report?

MR. COOPER: This is the report of the secretary of the convention for April 3rd. During the previous week, there have been no proposals submitted by committees of the

— convention. There have been no proposals received from delegates. There are no third readings of proposals scheduled for today; there are no second readings nor first readings of proposals scheduled for today.

There were two proposed amendments to the rules received; that was the Corn amendment to 6.1, which was received and circulated on March 31st, and the Brian Moore amendment to 2.3(b), which was received and circulated on April 1st, which leaves three rule amendments in official circulation. They are the Cooper amendments to 2.4 and 2.5, the Corn amendments to 6.1, and the Brian Moore amendments to 2.3.

The audit of the records is complete. However, typing of the final report has been held because additional information is still coming in from the committees, and I would like that to be included in the report. So, as much information that has been requested of the committee chairs, I would hope that you could get that in very promptly.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Questions?

MS. CORN: Mr. Chair?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn?

MS. CORN: I would like to refute delegate Cooper's report when he said no proposals had been submitted. I beg to

— differ with you. Last Saturday, I handed you a proposal and said, "I would like this submitted as a proposal to the Legislative Committee." You thereupon informed me that it would probably need retyping, and I said, "If that's the case, do it, but I don't see any reason why it cannot just be attached to one of the forms that you have so as to save a secretary's time in retyping."

You assured me that it would be taken care of in the proper manner, as a fellow Republican. You turned around and handed it to delegate Terrell without it being numbered and lettered so that it would given proper consideration. And I understand that, you know, I did present it at the beginning, but it has not really been dealt with, and I did ask you to number it so that it would go through all the proper channels. I'd like an explanation of your actions right now.

MR. COOPER: You gave me the proposal and it was all typed up, and I told you that it would have to be typed on a proposal form and be numbered. I also told you at that time that I wasn't going to type it because I had a whole lot of work to do.

MS. CORN: Right, and I said there was no reason that it couldn't be scotch-taped onto a proposal form, and you said, "Well, it does need retyping." I said, "Can you see

— that it is taken care of?" That doesn't mean you do the typing.

MR. COOPER: Right.

MS. CORN: And you said you would see that it was taken care of, and then you did not follow suit.

MR. COOPER: No.

MR. B. MOORE: Point of order.

MR. COOPER: I want to address her concern because she did have a proposal, but like I said, it wasn't on a proposal form. I also told you that the proposals had to be titled.

Gloria, in your proposal you just said, "I believe that language should be included," and you had a whole lot of different things. It wasn't up to me to break that out and title it and everything for you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: She has only taken issue with your report. She isn't asking that anything be done. Really, this isn't a discussion of the report.

Delegate Kameny?

MR. KAMENY: Mr. Secretary, yesterday afternoon I presented to you two proposals on the proposal forms, to be passed on to the appropriate committees, as designated by the President according to the rules when he sees it. You

— indicated that it would be duly processed and would be mentioned in your report today, and I've heard nothing about these two proposals.

MR. COOPER: Well, I did say that it would be duly processed, but I didn't say it would be in this report because I received them after 5:00 p.m.

MR. KAMENY: They were placed on your desk at approximately quarter to two yesterday afternoon and you acknowledged them at, very roughly, 4:00 yesterday afternoon.

MR. COOPER: I'm sure I didn't acknowledge them to you at 4:00, or else I would have included them in this report.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Let's see if we can put an end to this. You submitted it, he admits it has been submitted, it is going to be processed. Isn't that right?

MR. COOPER: Right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Right, okay.

MR. COOPER: It will show up on next week's report.

MR. KAMENY: Fine.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Very good.

MR. KAMENY: A point of inquiry. I assume it will not have to wait, however, until next week's plenary session in order to be forwarded to the appropriate committees.

MR. COOPER: No. It will be forwarded as soon as I

— get the President to sign it.

MR. KAMENY: Fine.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. The treasurer's report?

MS. JONES: Theresa Jones, delegate from Ward 8.

I'd like to report that we did get out the first pay, 31,313 and \$11,370, which left a balance in the delegate stipend of \$70,530. Tomorrow -- and I notice that many people who were going to start an argument have left today -- will you please sign your time sheets -- or on Monday; I'm sorry. Tomorrow is Sunday. On Monday, would you please sign your time sheets? Stop by the executive secretary's office or her designee's office and sign the time sheets.

We will try to get the next delegate pay out on Wednesday. Now, if it doesn't come out on Wednesday, save your harsh words for the mirror because I've already listed a lot of complaints from you no matter what the question is. The reason that I say this is because when we try to get these things out, we have to go in to the District Building and deal with people we have no control over. You know, we go in there and tell them what we want, but they don't necessarily respond.

Now, we will try to get it out on Wednesday. If you don't sign tomorrow, we will still go to get out the stipend pay, and people who don't sign will not get their checks; I'm

— sorry. I cannot wait for you because people get mad when they are held up, and the people who wait for us don't get the harsh words I get or Ms. Ellington gets, and I'm not going to accept that anymore.

The staff time sheets and contracts are to be submitted to the city comptroller, who is Mr. Hill -- submitted to his office tomorrow. I'm sorry Mr. Marcus is gone because he ought to be here to hear that, because that was part of what he wanted to discuss earlier.

The March monthly treasurer's report will be ready at next Saturday's plenary meeting. There will be some recommended budget additions at that time for you to comment on and pass on.

Are there any questions?

MR. COOPER: Yes. What did you say the existing balances of our accounts were?

MS. JONES: This is the delegate stipend. On everything else, I'd have to work that out. This is just the balance of the delegate stipend, which is -- I'm sorry; we have spent \$11,370.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm sorry. What item is that?

MS. JONES: This is the delegate stipend for the first two weeks' pay.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. JONES: We expended \$11,370, which leaves a balance of \$70,530.

MS. CORN: May I ask a question?

MS. JONES: Yes.

MS. CORN: How many delegates decided not to take their pay?

MS. JONES: Gloria, I'm not going to disclose that at the moment. Well, I will disclose it if you don't ask who they are.

MS. CORN: All right.

MS. JONES: Three delegates.

Any other questions? Delegate Mason?

MS. MASON: When you said "tomorrow," you meant Monday?

MS. JONES: I'm sorry; Monday.

Gloria, do you have another question?

MS. CORN: Yes. I'd like to know, isn't it public information, who is and who is not accepting their pay?

MS. JONES: I think that the public ought to know.

MS. CORN: I'll ask the President. Under D. C. law, is that not public information?

MS. MASON: Mr. President, I think it's a moot

question because the three people who have not accepted made statements.

MR. BALDWIN: That's exactly right.

MS. JONES: Any other questions?

MR. BALDWIN: Yes, I have a question. Delegate Jones, I'm sure you responded to it, but I missed it. Exactly when will staff be paid?

MS. JONES: I don't know when staff will be paid. The contracts and the pay sheets will be submitted to the comptroller's office on Monday, and if he responds favorably, then we'll try to do it right away. I came Friday and stayed here for some hours to get that out, to sign those things and all those kinds of things.

MR. BALDWIN: In the future, will you be able to give staff specific dates as to when payday will be?

MS. JONES: In the future, we will.

MR. BALDWIN: Okay, thank you.

MS. JONES: I want to say this. It's my understanding that the staff had some problems that they wanted to raise, but I think they will raise the problems in the proper manner and then there wouldn't be hostility when they do that. I think if they come with sword and shield, somebody is going to react with sword and shield. I know the Lord said he who

— lives by the sword dies by the sword, but that's a double-edged sword.

I think that if a staff member has a problem, he ought to put it in writing and he ought to go through the channels. Dr. Austin is agreeable to accept whatever the problem is and he's agreeable to take them to Ms. Ellington, and both them are agreeable to try to solve it.

We just got started. I think that we're lucky to be off the FMS system. You would not have a paycheck until June if we were on that. We're lucky to be off that FMS system. All I'm saying is we're doing this as fast as we can.

MR. BALDWIN: Okay, thank you.

MS. JONES: When we leave a job and come down here, we do that at a great sacrifice.

MR. COOPER: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you, delegate Jones, very much.

There are three more items of business. There is one ad hoc committee, and that is on the Statehood Commission and the Statehood Compact Commission. I don't see the chairperson of that committee. Is there somebody here who is prepared to make that report? Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: Mr. President, I only wanted to

comment that I think that there are a number of people in this body who have some very deep understandings of how cumbersome the bureaucracy functions. And I think a commendation goes to this staff and our officers for having moved with the business of this convention in as an expeditious manner as has occurred. I think a lot of people are oblivious to that, you know.

If Councilwoman Mason would consent to second the motion, I would like to place a motion of commendation for obviously a lot of hard, creative, expeditious work by the Executive Committee and staff of this convention to handle that.

MS. MASON: I second it.

MS. SIMMONS: Thank you. I just knew you understood.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that we pass a resolution of commendation to the staff for the hard work that they've done and the catching up that they've done.

MR. COOPER: And the officers.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No; the officers weren't in that motion.

This is to express the delegates' appreciation and their commendation. All those in favor of that motion, please signify by saying yes.

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, we can't vote on the motion. We don't have a quorum.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: This is not business that needs to be --

MR. COOPER: But it was a motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. I assume that there is no opposition to that.

MR. SCHRAG: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, delegate Schrag.

MR. SCHRAG: While we're on that subject, I just would like to say that not only has the staff put in an extraordinary amount of work, but I have been extremely impressed with the work put in by my fellow delegates.

(Applause.)

MR. SCHRAG: The attendance at committee meetings is very high. Nobody just comes in and signs the sheet and then leaves; people stay for three and four hours at a time. People are doing huge amounts of homework, writing proposals and doing research and going to libraries. I think we should be very proud of ourselves as delegates for the tremendous amount of work that we have put in over the last few weeks and for getting us to the place where we are. I hope it continues and we produce the kind of document we want.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: So noted.

(Applause.)

MS. CORN: Mr. President, I'd like to add one more thing for the Washington Post. We're not getting paid anywhere near what the staff is.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there unfinished business or new business?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Rothschild raised what I think is an important issue in this convention today, and I think it's true that there has been some tension. There has been a tendency on many issues that are emotionally charged to respond on the part of the Chair -- to respond in kind depending on the emotional fire.

I think he has set a tone. The Chair would like to say that he would like very much to see that tension removed, and an open, democratic, full discussion of all things done without bitterness. It might be well for those of us who are here and who agree with this -- I'm willing to make that commitment.

I'm not perfect, and a lot of things I try I don't succeed at. Most of the time I succeed, but those of us who are here might pass on to those of us who are not here the

fact that that suggestion was responded to and that that is, I'm sure, a general concern, and each of us may try to do what we can to relieve it. It really makes it a lot easier if the level and the tense tone can be modified. So, thank you very much for raising that question.

Delegate Moore, I think he has suggested that you may have been dealt with brusquely, and I would like to explain to you privately -- I don't want to take any more time -- what my position is on that question of being out of order.

Yes?

MR. COOPER: I just have to make a statement, since you wouldn't recognize me before. I realize it's very nice of us to commend ourselves for what we've been doing. But, quite frankly, if you realize that for the last three weeks and for this meeting, in particular, that we have conducted 30 percent of this meeting without even having a quorum of delegates, I don't think we can commend ourselves on our attendance.

I mean, if you just look at it, there are only 18 of us here now; that's not good attendance. So, I'd rather for us not to fool ourselves on something like that. If all these delegates would read the attendance sheets of the committee meetings, they'd see that there's no need for us to commend

ourselves.

I too would like some stroking. However, I think we have to take our licks when we deserve it, and we deserve it in that regard. We haven't been attending these meetings.

MS. CORN: We who are here do not deserve your castigation.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Shelton?

MS. SHELTON: Mr. Chair, I would suggest that we try to have a special meeting with the secretary, because he does have a way when things seem to be at their peak of reminding us of things, and maybe there could be a special meeting so we could show him our respect and our love for him.

(Laughter.)

MS. SHELTON: I would like to say, Mr. Secretary, despite your sometimes disruptive reminders, we still love and respect you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you very much. Is there any new business?

MS. CORN: Mr. Chair, in light of the comments you made about openness, et cetera, I would like to go back to the issue, without acrimony or without anybody feeling that I'm putting upon them -- the issue of the hiring of the PR man. I would like to know for the open records here how he

— came to be selected and whether there were other applicants. Were any of them District residents? How did you arrive at his pay scale?

As I recall, having been on the pre-planning committee on budget, space and personnel with Hilda Mason, we had recommended, because of the limitations of the budget, that a PR person be paid by the hour only and not be full-time, et cetera. Here, I understand that you've hired somebody full-time, and is it proper to say how much he has been hired for?

I'd like the details of this made open here and now, if you don't feel that that's an imposition.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: In the spirit of openness, I will say to you that most of your questions I've already answered today. First of all, we had four applicants for the job. I don't remember where they all were from. We interviewed three of them; one of them just couldn't show up. This gentleman was the individual who was most highly qualified.

The recommendations that were made by the pre-convention committees were considered, but as you will recall, I have been in favor of reducing all of those in light of the fact that we have a very limited budget. So, the amount of money that has been programmed for that position is less than

— it was originally. It was a rather high figure.

Now, I'm not going to say out loud what the gentleman's salary is. I'm sure he'll tell you or you can find out from our own minutes. I feel no need to say that at this point.

Is there any other new business?

MS. CORN: Sir, the only question that you didn't answer right now is how was the job announced, in the Post or in the D. C. Register, or just friends called, or what?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, I'm sure that inasmuch as we are a city of brotherly love and so forth, some of the people may have been the friends of somebody and they may have been friends of delegates.

MS. CORN: But was there a public announcement for the job?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No; in the same way that we announced for everybody else.

MR. COOPER: It was in the Post one day.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: As a matter of fact, there was a Post article that indicated that we were interviewing people. In fact, we mentioned in our last press conference that we were receiving applications for each of those particular positions. I mean, there was an opportunity for everybody to know that

the positions were available.

MS. CORN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Rothschild and then Simmons, and then I'm going to entertain a motion to adjourn.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Again, I don't want to make a big deal of it. It may be very well that what you did was the best possible thing that could be done.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'm sorry. Would you repeat that please?

MR. ROTHSCHILD: It may very well be that, all things considered, the choice that was made was the best choice.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It was a choice that was made by the Executive Committee.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: I'm sorry. The hiring of our --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All of our people who were hired were hired by the committee, duly authorized by the convention.

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Right. The only thing I'm trying to bring out is that sometimes we overreact to rules. Sometimes, we don't react enough to rules, and it's hard to find the proper position because we've got so much business to do that rules can get in the way sometimes, and sometimes they should be overlooked a little bit.

But it would have been a little bit better, had a motion been brought to the convention explaining what the circumstances were and asking the convention to suspend that rule about hiring only people who are residents within the District. In other words, we're atuned to your rules, too, and that type of thing.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That could have been done last week. It was an oversight, because we announced that appointment last week. Please understand that we're under tremendous pressure to have some coordinated way of getting our image out. We had nothing up to that point. We had a committee that was trying to do that.

Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: I seek information first, Mr. President. Have announcements been made?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. SIMMONS: I was just wondering if the Paul Robson remembrance had been mentioned.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, that was done, and the copies of it are up here on the desk. When I walk around there, I'm going to bring them down.

MS. SIMMONS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

MR. KAMENY: I move that we adjourn.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It's moved and seconded. Without objection, we are adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 3:55 p.m., the Convention was adjourned, to reconvene on Saturday, April 10, 1982.)